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Applicants: J.-S. Mok et al. Attorney Docket No.: LEPA121687
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Title: METHOD OF FORMING SOLDER RESIST PATTERNS

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required.

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Currently, Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 have been examined and stand rejected. Reconsideration of Claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 7-9 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner states that "the phrase 'a multilayer printed circuit board fabricated in a parallel manner' renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear what is meant by 'a parallel manner.'"

Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants believe that a claim is not rendered indefinite if a phrase is described in the application such that a person skilled in the art would understand the meaning of the phrase. By "parallel manner," applicants are referring to a specific method of forming a printed circuit board, in which a circuit layer and an insulating layer are separately formed, and the layers are alternately disposed and pressed. See page 16, lines 10-12. For an example, see also page 22, line 10, through page 24, line 6, with reference to FIGURES 6A-6F.

"If the claims, read in light of the specification, reasonably apprise those skilled in the art both of the utilization and scope of the invention, and if the language is as precise as the subject matter permits, the courts can demand no more." *See Hybritech, Inc. v. Monoclonal Antibodies, Inc.*, 802 F.2d 1367, 1385, 231 U.S.P.Q. 81, 94-95 (Fed. Cir. 1986), *citing Shatterproof Glass Corp. v. Libbey Owens Ford Co.*, 758 F.2d 613, 624, 225 U.S.P.Q. 634, 641 (Fed. Cir. 1985).

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